

and feel honored to call him my pastor, a friend, a teacher, and an inspiration. Likewise, I have been a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church for 13 years and have found it to be a Christian fellowship of love in action through service to mankind.

Dr. Simmons is a great many things to a great many people. Since I joined Mount Zion in 1996, I have come to know him as a man of character, an humanitarian, a bridge builder, a shepherd, and a leader. Above all, "Pastor Simmons," as he is known, through his own humble and morally strong existence, helps us, as followers of the Word, to strive toward the Spiritual fulfillment graciously offered to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As the Word says in Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Pastor Simmons has truly lived by this principle. Since his arrival at Mount Zion in 1991, he has sought to implement the church's mission to be a "vibrant church that reaches the world for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and missions."

Under his leadership, the church has grown to 2,700 members and counting. Financial stewardship has increased substantially. In July of 2008, the church broke ground on a new 67,000 square foot facility to provide the space necessary to continue building upon Pastor Simmons' vision and the church's mission. With all this growth and expansion, it is abundantly clear that God is doing great work at Mount Zion Baptist Church through the ministry of Pastor Simmons.

With ordained leadership and divine grace, Pastor Simmons has built a church that delivers God's message and works daily to implement God's vision. Pastor Simmons personifies the love of God through his teaching and his way of life. I thank him for his years of service to his parishioners, the Albany community, Georgia's Second Congressional District, and the Nation. Moreover, I wish him many more fruitful years to come.

I also recognize and celebrate the body of Christ which is the Mount Zion Baptist Church on the occasion of its 144th anniversary. May it forever utilize the blessings of great leadership and bountiful resources with which it has been provided to the Glory of Almighty God.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
PAUL BURGESS FAY, JR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of a distinguished American, a friend and an American hero, Paul Burgess "Red" Fay Jr., who passed away on September 23, 2009, at the age of 91. He leaves his beloved wife, Anita, to whom he was married for 62 years; his children Paul Fay III, Katherine Fay and Sally Fay Cottingham; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Fay, a fourth-generation San Franciscan, was born in San Francisco in 1918 to a distinguished family. His father, Paul B. Fay Sr., was President of the Fay Improvement Company, a paving contracting firm founded in 1875, and gave young Paul the nickname "Red" as a child, which his friends called him

for the rest of his life. He graduated from Stanford University in 1941 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and he enlisted in the Navy shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II.

It was during his service in the Navy that Mr. Fay met and became friends with President John F. Kennedy. In 1942, after attending Officer Training School, Mr. Fay was assigned to PT boat training in Melville, Rhode Island, where the future President was his instructor. They met during a touch football game. They were later assigned to the same base in the South Pacific and became friends after both of their boats were damaged. President Kennedy's PT-109 was attacked in an event that made him a war hero, and Mr. Fay's boat was struck by a torpedo, after which he was awarded a Bronze Star. While their ships were temporarily out of action, they roomed together in a small Quonset hut and became fast and lasting friends.

After the war, Mr. Fay returned to San Francisco and joined the family business. In 1947, he married the love of his life, Anita Marquez of Mill Valley. He remained close with John F. Kennedy and became a political supporter and a trusted adviser in his inner circle, working on his election campaigns for the House of Representatives, Senate, and the Presidency. When John Kennedy was elected President in 1960, he appointed Mr. Fay Under Secretary of the Navy, an office he held until January 1965.

After leaving Washington, Mr. Fay returned to the Bay Area and the family business, which he sold and later resurrected as a financial consulting and business ventures firm. He wrote a best-selling book, "The Pleasure of His Company," a memoir of his close friendship with the late President Kennedy. He became a founding partner of William Hutchinson & Co., an investment research and brokerage firm, and he was for many years a director of First American Financial and Vestaur Securities. He retired from business in 2005.

Among Mr. Fay's many social and charitable activities was his work with Youth Tennis Advantage, a Bay Area organization that helps teach tennis to at-risk youth. He also contributed his time to such charitable causes as the Robert Odell Foundation, the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation, and the American Ireland Fund, whose San Francisco Chapter named him "Man of the Year" in 1995. He was a trustee of the Naval War College Foundation and of Mount St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth of San Francisco, and he was a member of the Pacific Union Club, Bohemian Club, Burlingame Country Club, Chevy Chase Club, California Tennis Club and the Vintage in Indian Wells, California.

Mr. Fay was an extraordinary host, an accomplished master of ceremonies and indefatigable organizer of everything from charities to family touch-football games. An accomplished athlete, he played baseball at Stanford and enjoyed tennis and golf well into his eighties. He was a central figure in Bay Area society whose warmth and charm never failed to draw others to him, and he had hundreds of friends from all walks of life. He was a man of great integrity and everyone who knew him came away a better person.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring a national treasure and an extraordinary American,

Paul Burgess "Red" Fay, and in extending my deepest sympathy to his entire family during this difficult time. He represented the best of America and his decades of contributions to his family and friends, his community and his country stand as lasting legacies of a life lived exceedingly well. How privileged I am to have known him, to represent him and to have had him as my friend. He loved his community and his country and he served both with distinction, making our Nation a better place for generations to come.

HONORING THE DANVILLE-ALAMO
BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY
WOMEN ON ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Danville-Alamo Branch of the American Association of University Women on its 40th Anniversary. The chapter has a proud history serving the community by supporting political, social, professional, and educational opportunities for women.

Through the chapter's work, Danville and Alamo benefit from stimulating speakers and programs, candidates' nights, and community service opportunities. The AAUW Danville-Alamo Branch has been active in local schools, enhancing educational opportunities in the arts, music, languages, science, and math. The branch also started a local Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics conference to expose middle school girls to careers in math and science. The Danville-Alamo Branch also helps girls achieve the dream of a college education through its scholarship programs.

Today, the Danville-Alamo Branch has more than 200 members. These members continue to serve the community and advance a wide range of issues that affect women and girls. I wish you a heartfelt congratulations on 40 years of changing lives and making a difference for women.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET
REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. R. 1016—To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide new discretionary budget authority for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would ensure sufficient, timely, and predictable veterans funding so that the Department of Veterans Affairs would have the Federal funding to better serve veterans' medical needs and improve health care services. This is a very timely and important measure as many of our troops today are returning